EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 32): THE REALITY OF THE KINGDOM 1

POOR IN SPIRIT

The first item of the inward condition is in Matthew 5:3: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens." The first basic condition is related to our spirit, which is the very place where God can dwell. Our spirit is the organ within us created by God for us to contact Him, to take Him in, to receive Him, and to contain Him. Many Christians have missed this first condition. They miss the first organ for the kingdom life—the human spirit. Many Christians have never heard anything concerning the human spirit. This is poor and pitiful! To teach people to contact God without using their spirit is like trying to train people to run without using their feet.

To be poor in our spirit means to empty all the things other than God out of our spirit. We all have to empty our spirit is only for God. This means that we have to empty out everything else that may be within our spirit. We need to be empty in our spirit for God. Unfortunately, most of us have something other than God filling our spirit. Do not think that your knowledge remains only in your mind. Through your mind, your knowledge can enter into your spirit and occupy it. Do not think that your hatred remains only in your heart. The hatred can also enter into your spirit and occupy it. Do not think your human, natural, fleshly love remains only in your emotion. It too can get into your spirit and occupy it. Then your spirit will be filled up with knowledge, hatred, or love. Once your spirit is filled up, there is no room left for God.

Annoucement:

- District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 8/4 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
- 2. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 31 & 32.
- 3. 2020 Memorial Day conference morning revival are available at the entrance of meeting hall. For saints who have standing orders, you may pick it up or ask help from small group serving ones to arrange delivery. We will be entering into Week 2 from tomorrow. If you want to subscribe standing order including morning revival, please contact Bookroom. We also have a few additional copies for saints to purchase.
- 4. The Northeast young people summer school of truth will be in Week 2 from this Monday. The topic is still on God's Full Salvation. There is a special burden this year for household organic salvation. There are a suggested evening family time on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for the family members to meet with their own young people and few other families (online). The faimly times in Week 1 were very sweet. May all the family members separate the time to enjoy the Lord togather in Week 2. This Saturday' meetings are conference meetings. Young people's parents are encouraged to join even if you have never registered, for the messages will be particularly for young people's family. The Saturday afternoon's meeting is from 4 to 4:45 pm. The graduation ceremony will begin at 7:45 PM this Saturday. Young people's families are also encouraged to join household by household. There will be a closing meeting following the graduation that is also open to all the parents.
- 5. Please send your SST fee to the meeting hall similar to how we do for financial offering. Check shall be payable to the Church in Piscataway and note it as for YP SST. The registration fee per person in \$20 regardless fulltime, part-time, young people, TA, or serving ones. Lesson book is \$8 per copy, each T-Shirt is \$10.
- 6. We need a few saints to take care of lawn and mulch in the back of meeting hall from 2-4 PM today. Please contact brother Keming for detail.

Prayer Burdens:

Summer School of Truth -

- A. Pray that all the registrants (young people, parents, teaching assistants, serving ones) can be strengthened into the inner man and their whole beings are open and ready for the time.
- B. Pray for the truth of God's full salvation to be released, received, and experienced.
- C. Pray for the special burden for household salvation and the participation of all young people's parents throughout the summer school of truth.
- D. There would be no issues with technology wifi or computers.

Rutgers New Semester (Fall 2020) -

- A. Pray that the incoming freshmen will make a good transition into college. May they establish healthy relationships in their first year and be built up with some saints around them.
- B. Pray the Lord would release more shepherding for the students and that each one would receive adequate care.
- C. Pray for the strengthening of the coordination among all the serving ones, students, and nearby churches. May the Lord blend is all together and form a strong heavenly team.

The Nazarite Vow (NACT Burden) -

- A. Pray for the Lord to gain many people as today's Samuel that voluntarily consecrate themselves to God to turn this age.
- B. Pray that the Lord would raise up many persons like Hannah in the Old Testament to make a vow to the Lord to be persons who can bring forth fruit, at least one Samuel, for the Lord's purpose (1 Sam 1:11, 16, 20).

Meeting Attendance:

Small Groups (7/24~7/25): 136

Lord's Table (7/26): 145 Prayer Meeting (7/28): 44

Chinese Speaking Students Perfecting Training

The Chinese-speaking Students' Perfecting Training for the past week was very rich. Praise the Lord! Though this time the training was held online, His speaking enlightened us and fanned into flame our Spirit every day. In this training, I was very touched by how to build a personal intimate relationship with the Lord. Even our servings and meetings should not replace the personal time we spend with the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9 says, "...through whom you were called into the fellowship of His son, Jesus Christ our Lord", which indicates when we fellowship with the Lord, He should be the one who "initiate", not us, because He wants to be our portion! However, sometimes I tried hard to enter into the fellowship with the Lord by doing some outward work, such as reading the Bible or doing morning revival. When we come to the Lord, we should calm our soul, refuse all the distractions from Satan, inquire and allow Him to initiate the fellowship, and follow the anointing leading us inwardly. Thank the Lord! We need to spend more time with Him and have such sweet fellowship with Him.

Samual is a Nazarite, who is willing to consecrate himself, and his heart is absolutely for God and His people, without hesitation. Numbers chapter 6 tells us that God desires that all His people be Nazarites. To be a Nazarite is to be sanctified, separated, absolutely, and ultimately to God, i.e., to be for nothing other than God. I am very encouraged by this point. I wanted to be absolutely for God and consecrate myself, but always fail in myself. Thank the Lord! Among the human race, the unique Nazarite is the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Him, we can do nothing. Now He lives in our spirit and we can live a life that is absolutely for God through the bountiful supply of His Spirit. Our Lord cares whether we have such a heart that is absolutely for Him, not our ability to do things. He does not call us to do anything outwardly for Him - He desires us to respond to His calling by opening ourselves to Him and say: Lord, I am here, I'm not prepared to do some work for you but to be filled with and touched by You.



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2020 Summer School of Truth (Week 1)

This past week was the first of two weeks in this year's Northeast Summer School of Truth. On the first night we had close to 500 participants, with about 100 young people attending for the first time. The topic of this year's truth school is God's Full Salvation with lessons from the ministry book, Lesson Book, Level One: Salvation - God's Full Salvation. As they dive into the lessons and are under the hearing of the faith, the young people are being brought closer to the Lord. Their appreciation for salvation and what the Lord has accomplished for us is growing, and their relationship with the Lord is deepening. It is our expectation that this truth school will be the best one yet despite it being online; we are just expecting the Lord's blessing!

Each morning, about 70 young people attend an optional brief morning revival time. This time includes singing and a word from the brothers on how to contact the Lord in the morning. The young people are enjoying this time but more importantly the word is being deposited into them. Towards the middle of the week, the young people received a word on "being a channel of blessing in and to our family". Two key words in this SST have been 'blessing' and 'saved'. We all need to be impressed by that fact that God wants to bless us family by family and save us household by household. It was at that time when many saw the importance of family in the eyes of God. Part of the burden of this year's SST is concerning the families. In the evenings, families were encouraged to gather together to spend time together for more fellowship over snacks. The first week culminating in an overflow meeting where the young people had the opportunity to share. These young ones were bubbling over; this is the best SST ever! With another week remaining, it is our expectation that the Lord would pour out showers of blessing. We hope that you would continue to pray for our young people and this Summer School of Truth.